GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF PALM AND SOYA CRUDE OIL
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that adultereated edible oils are being supplied in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have initiated remedial steps to safeguard the consumers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a)&(b): According to the information made available by the Food (H) Authorities of the States/UTs, the number of samples of edible oils, fats and vanaspati examined in the country under the provisions of the PFA Act, 1954 during the years 1997, 1998 and 1999 are as under :-

Year	No. of samples examined	No.of samples found adulterated	Remarks
1997	14132	823	Excluding information from Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Pondicherry
1998	23880	2009	Excluding information from Haryana & U.P.
1999	18918	1533	Excluding information from Haryana, UP and Pondicherry.

(c)&(d): The quality standards including safe limits of contaminants, have been laid down for all edible oils under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955. The edible oils marketed for sale for human consumption have to meet the quality and safety specifications prescribed under the aforesaid rules. The Food (Health) Authorities of States/UTs who are responsible for administration and implementation of the PFA Act, 1954 within their respective jurisdiction have been requested time to time to keep a strict vigil on the quality of the various food products including the edible oils.